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SUBJECT: YOUR DEPARTURE FROM SEOUL

FOR AMBASSADOR SNEIDER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

REF: SEOUL 5246

1. AS YOU DEPART FROM SEOUL I WANT YOU TO KNOW THE HIGH
REGARD ALL OF US IN EA HAVE FOR THE SINGULAR SERVICE YOU
HAVE RENDERED DURING YOUR YEARS AS U.S. AMBASSADOR TO THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA. -

2. YOU HAVE JUSTIFIED YOUR REPUTATION AS ONE OF THE
STRONGEST FOREIGN SERVICE AMBASSADORS IN GUIDING THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS AT A PARTICULARLY
TROUBLED PERIOD WHEN MISPERCEPTIONS AND ACUTE POLITICAL
ISSUES IN BOTH CAPITALS COULD HAVE PROFOUNDLY UNDERCUT
OUR MUTUAL LONG-TERM INTERESTS AND COOPERATION. THAT
THIS HAS NOT OCCURRED, AND THAT WE CAN LOOK WITH SOME
CONFIDENCE TO A NEW AND HEALTHY MATURITY IN OUR MUTUAL
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RELATIONSHIPS AS NATIONS IS IN NO SMALL MEASURE DUE TO THE
WISDOM AND CLEAR PERSPECTIVE YOU HAVE SHOWN.

3. OUR WARM WISHES GO TO BOTH YOU AND LEA AS YOU LEAVE

KOREA AND BEGIN YOUR TRAVELS THROUGH THE REGION. WE SHALL
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN WASHINGTON NEXT MONTH. VANCE

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